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1. WP OCT 15-19 FOLLOWED TRADITIONAL PATTERN OF BICKERING ABOUT WESTERN EUROPEAN DISCRIMINATORY QRS, INADEQUACY OF NOTIFICATIONS, AND FAILED SET DATE FOR END OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. NO NEW FORMULA INTRODUCED ON LATTER SUBJECT.

2. ONE INTERESTING POINT WAS POLISH STATEMENT (CONFIRMED BY DANES) THAT AS RESULT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXII, DENMARK HAS ELIMINATED ALL INCREASES IN DISCRIMINATORY QRS WHICH HAD BEEN CRITICIZED DURING EARLIER ANNUAL REVIEWS. WP THIS YEAR FOUND NO CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT ANY CP HAD INCREASED QRS AGAINST POLAND (ALTHOUGH OBSCURITY OF EC NOTIFICATION LEFT SOME DOUBT ON THIS SCORE). FINNS PRIVATELY CLARIFIED
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THEIR NOTIFICATION WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN READ AS SIGNIFYING

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NEW RESTRICTIONS. AUSTRIA CONFIRMED ALL DIS-
CRIMINATORY QRS WILL BE ELIMINATED BY END OF 1974.

3. BULK OF MEETING DEVOTED TO UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO
FIGURE OUT WHAT EC NOTIFICATION MEANT. IN RESPONSE
WIDESPREAD CRITICISM (PLUS PRIVATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY
SEVERAL MEMBER STATES THAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND EC
NOTIFICATION EITHER), EC PROMISED DO ITS BEST NEXT YEAR
TO IMPROVE ITS SUBMISSION AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE LARGE
AREA OF CONFLICTING INFO BETWEEN UK/DEN/IRISH SUBMISSION
AND EC LIST PURPORTING DESCRIBE SITUATION IN EC OF NINE.
IT WAS APPARENT THAT PACE OF LIBERALIZATION HAS DECREASED
SHARPLY (AND POLES PRIVATELY SAID AT LEAST ONE MEMBER
STATE, ITALY, DID NOT LIBERALIZE SINGLE ITEM DURING
PAST YEAR),BASSIN

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